

HF Happenings



The photograph in HF Happenings 524 was taken at Koffiefontein in the south-western Free State. That is Mrs Green standing at the front wheel.

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The RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest

The 21/28 MHz Contest has seen a distinct upswing in participation over the last couple of years, as increased solar activity has resulted in much improved conditions on the upper HF bands. Last year there were almost 200 entries. It takes place for twelve hours on Sunday 7 October starting at 07:00 UTC. There are Open, Restricted and QRP categories for UK stations; the same again for non-UK stations, plus you can enter CW-only, SSB-only or mixed modes. The exchange is signal report, serial number and locator. Find the rules at <http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2012/r2128.shtml>

News from the DXCC Desk

Bill Moore, NC1L, the ARRL Awards Branch Manager reports that the following operation is approved for DXCC credit:

J5IFD (Juliet Five Italy Foxtrot Delta) - Guinea-Bissau (not J51FD as previously noted), the 2010 Operation. (Thanks Tjerk, ZS6P)

Then a note on the status of Kosovo. "Congratulations to the team which helped to reintroduce Amateur Radio to Kosovo, and welcome back to the airwaves to the returning amateurs. As of this time Z6OK, and/or any other Z6 station, will not count for any entity for DXCC awards purposes, as they do not qualify under the DXCC rules. Any future change in Kosovo's DXCC status will be announced by the ARRL."

QRP SSB DXing from the beach

Pete, M3ZXZ, (GQRP 11767) got up early on Sunday to work some impressive DX using just 2,5 watts of SSB and a simple wire antenna.

On the G-QRP list, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GQRP>, Pete writes, "Well well well. I go to the beach and set up at 05:30 UTC on Sunday, 30 September. My dogs happily running

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around while I sat on end of a groyne with just a simple wire vertical on a fishing pole fed against a 3,9 m counterpoise wire, and tuned with the Elecraft T1 ATU.

Heard several strong VK and ZL, but every time I responded to a QRZ I was drowned in very strong "I" and "EA" stations. Was getting a bit dejected and started to wonder if I was actually putting anything out - checked, and sure enough, all good.

Heard ISOFDW calling CQ on 18 158.00 - responded and made contact. Nice little QSO with my 2,5 W SSB. At least I knew now that all okay my end. Heard strong VK on 18 165, but it was bedlam whenever he said "QRZ"!

Went back down to 20, tried the VK and ZL stations again but no luck. Then on 14 222.95 heard ZD7FT calling CQ. Responded and he heard me. Managed to exchange calls and sigs at 07:25 UTC, but then one of my dogs caught my power lead and unplugged it from the rig! Plugged back in by which time ZD7FT was in QSO with another fella. At this time, I did not know where ZD7FT was - for some reason I kept thinking ZD was Africa, and I have only just found now that I am home that it's St Helena Island. Very pleased :)

After that, I was thinking it was time to make tracks home. But had a quick tune first and heard VK7ROY in QSO on 14 200. After a couple of minutes, he called QRZ for UK stations. I responded, but a bit of a melee kicked off with the usual I and EA stations thinking that "UK stations only please" meant them. VK7ROY called again, "QRZ UK only," I responded and he got me. Then had an amazing QSO with him. My sigs to him were 54 but we had no problem at all copying and I am grateful to everybody else for standing by. 2,5 W SSB and good copy - my very first VK and I was gobsmacked. THANK YOU ROY!

So, WOW, what a morning. Perfect. Dogs had a great time and so did I. Mrs M just thinks I am barking mad :)"

If you are wondering what a 'groyne' is, the Collins English Dictionary states "a wall or jetty built out from a riverbank or seashore to control erosion. Also called a spur, breakwater."

CQ NEWS - Director of CQ World Wide DX Contest

The following was sent out by Richard, W2VU, Editor of CQ Amateur Radio, on 1 October, "Randy Thompson, K5ZD, Named Director of CQ World Wide DX Contest - CQ Contest Hall of Fame member and WPX Contest Director Randy Thompson, K5ZD, has been named Director of the CQ World Wide DX Contest, effective immediately. Randy succeeds Bob Cox, K3EST, who retired in September after 35 years at the helm of the world's most popular amateur radio contest.

October

2 to 7 – Clover Aardklop National Arts festival, Potchefstroom
4 – SARL 80 m QSO Party; World Habitat Day
7 – RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest
8 – Schools open
13 and 14 – AWA Valve QSO Party
18 – Radio Amateur Examination
20 – Spring QRP Contest; National Marine Day
20 – CQ Hou Koers – Voortrekkers
20 and 21 – Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet
22 and 23 – Rose Festival, Bloemfontein
26 to 28 – Classic Music Festival, Franschhoek
27 and 28 – CQ WW DX SSB Contest
27 to 29 – Night Ride and Full Moon Hikes, Stellenbosch
31 Oct to 3 Nov – Cape Town Military Tattoo





Thompson, 53, has been a ham since age 13. He is an accomplished contesteer, having multiple wins in the CQ World Wide DX Contest and the CQ WPX Contest, among others. He has also competed in four World Radiosport Team Championships. In addition, Randy is a past editor of the "National Contest Journal" (a post he has held three separate times) and a co-founder of the eHam.net website. He is a long-time member of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club and an instructor at K3LR's Contest University. He has been Director of the CQ WPX Contest since 2008, coincidentally the same year in which he was inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame."

"The CQ WW is the biggest event on the contest calendar," commented Thompson. "I am honoured to be involved and follow in the giant footsteps of K3EST. With the great conditions we are seeing on the bands, this year should be the biggest CQ WW ever! The first order of business is to have the team ready for the new 5-day log deadline and faster results reporting."

CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, said Thompson's appointment marks the start of a new chapter in the history of CQ World Wide DX Contest, adding "The CQ management team looks forward to working with Randy as CQ WW Director. His four years as WPX Contest Director have already demonstrated his ability to successfully and creatively guide a major contest, and we are totally confident that he will take the CQ WW to even greater heights."

Thompson's appointment to the directorship of the CQ WW creates a vacancy for director of the CQ WPX Contests. Anyone interested in taking on the challenge of leading a major contest should contact Randy at k5zd@cqwpw.com."

African DX

Tanzania, 5H. Arne, OH2NNE, will be active as 5H2DK from Moshi, Tanzania, between 2 and 17 October 2012. He may also be sporadically active with a portable set-up from different locations from 18 to 27 October. Activity will be SSB only. The set-up includes an ICOM 706 mkIIIG boosted with an SG-500 to emit full 100 W permitted, A3S tribander (10, 15 and 20) and dipoles for 12, 17, 40 and 80 m bands. The portable set-up will include the ICOM 706, an AH-4 mobile antenna tuner, a wire antenna taped to a 6 m fishing stick. The transmit frequency plan is 3 790, 7 090, 14 250, 18 150, 21 250, 24 950, 28 450 kHz. The receive will be the same as the transmit 5 up, 5 - 10 up or 7 145 on 40 m. QSL via OH2NNE. Website www.qrz.com/db/5H2DK

Niger, 5U. Christian, 5U5U (ex-TLOA) is currently active from Niamey, Niger until 15 October. On 1 October Paul, F6EXV, who will sign 5U6E and Jan, DJ8NK, who will sign 5U8NK, will join him. They will run three stations on 160 - 6 metres on SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL 5U5U direct only to Christian Saint-Arroman, Chemin de Mousteguy, 64990 Urcuit, France. QSL 5U6E via F6EXV (direct, bureau and LoTW; OQRS on Club Log). QSL 5U8NK via DJ8NK (direct, bureau and LoTW; OQRS on Club Log). Further information, including operating frequencies and log search, can be found at www.premiumorange.com/5u-2012/

Chad, TT. Members of the Italian DXpedition Team will be active as TT8TT from N'Djamena (Grid Loc. JK72), Chad, from 3 - 16 October 2012. Activity will be on 160 - 6 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL direct via Silvano, I2YSB. QSL by the bureau to Vini, IK2CIO. A TT8TT survey (for needs), a log search and an OQRS are all available on their Website at www.i2ysb.com/

African Islands

Mayotte Island, FH. Sam, F6AML will be active as TO2M from Mayotte (AF-027) on 4 to 19 October. He will operate CW and SSB on 80 - 10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, e-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to gsldxped@yahoo.fr





Tunisia. Alfredo, IK7JWY, is organising a second DXpedition to Djerba Island (AF-083, WLOTA 1394), Tunisia from 27 April to 4 May 2013. It has hoped the group call sign will be TS8IT with activity planned for all bands / modes. The team so far consists of Alfredo, IK7JWX (team leader), Antonello, IK2DUW (QSL manager), Rosy, IW2NLC (YL), Ampelio, IS0AGY, Roberto, IK2PGM, Leopoldo, I8LWL, Titti, IK8GQY (YL), Carlo, IK6CAC (CW), Elvira, IV3FSG, Dario, IT9SSI + YL. If you are interested to join, contact Alfredo at ik7jwx2003@yahoo.it

Special Event Stations

The Netherlands. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ITU Prefixes, look for special event station PB100PREFIX to be active between 4 and 13 October 2012. QSL via PBOP. After the tragic loss of the Titanic (Call sign MGY, the "M," is from the Marconi company) in April 1912, there was an acknowledgement that there should be international standards for radio communications. Therefore, the leading colonial countries planned several meetings in the aftermath of the loss of the Titanic. For more details, visit www.PB100PREFIX.nl/

Greece. The Radio Amateur Association of Greece (RAAG) announced that they will operate a special event station from the Memorial Battleship "Georgios Averof" at Phaleron Bay, using the call sign SX100A. The operation will take place from the Radio Room of the battleship from Friday 5 October 00:00 UTC until Sunday 7 October 24:00 UTC 2012. The Battleship "Georgios Averof" is in Trocadero marine park in Paleo Faliro, near Athens, where it is currently berthed. This year marks the 101st anniversary in which this historic battleship joined the Hellenic Navy. QSL via the SV Bureau. Website www.raag.org/news.asp?ITMID=522&LANG=GR

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 1 to 8 October 2012.

SARL 80m QSO Party

17:00 UTC-20:00 UTC 4 October

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op

Exchange: RS and serial no and Grid Locator or QTH

QSO Points: 10 points per QSO with South African station; 15 points per QSO with non-South African station

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 19 October 2012

E-mail logs to: zs5lp@vodamail.co.za

Mail logs to: Durban ARC, 17 Brownlee Place, Bluff, Durban 4052, South Africa

Find rules at:

http://www.sarl.org.za/public/contests/SARL_2012_Contest_Manual_issue_10.pdf

NCCC RTTY Sprint: 01:30 UTC-02:00 UTC 5 October

Mode: RTTY

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

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Exchange: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 7 October 2012

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 5 October

Mode: (see rules)

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 7 October 2012

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest

14:00 UTC 5 October to 02:00 UTC 7 October

Mode: CW, SSB, Digital

Bands: Any

Classes: (none)

Max operating hours: 24

Exchange: Serial no, RS and ARRL Section, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: W/VE Stations: 1 point per W/VE QSO; W/VE Stations: 2 points per DX QSO; DX Stations: 1 point per QSO with same continent; DX Stations: 2 points per QSO with different continent

Multipliers: Each section, province, country once

Power factor: x 1,5 for 200 W or less

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x power factor

Submit logs by: 5 November 2012

E-mail logs to: kc8pky2004@sbcglobal.net

Mail logs to: Linda Metz, KC8PKY, 7626 Dacosta, Detroit, MI 48129, USA

Find rules at:

http://www.ylrl.hfradio.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=52&Itemid=160

TARA PSK Rumble Contest

00:00 - 24:00 UTC 6 October

Mode: PSK

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6m

Classes: Normal (100 W); Great (20 W); Super (5 W); SWL

Exchange: W/VE/JA/VK: Name and Call Area; Other: Name and Country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each country once per band; Each W/VE/JA/VK call area once per band





Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 3 November 2012

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_rumble_score.html

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_rumble_rules.html

Worked All Provinces of China DX Contest

00:00 - 23:59 UTC 6 October

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - CW, SSB or Mixed - Low or High; Single Op All Band Mixed QRP;

Single Op Single Band Mixed - Low or High

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: BY: RS(T) and 2-character province; non-BY: RS(T) and serial no

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each BY province once per band; Each DXCC country once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 October 2012

E-mail logs to: mulandxc@gmail.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://www.mulandxc.org/?page_id=2

EPC Russia DX Contest

04:00 UTC 6 October to 03:59 UTC 7 October

Mode: BPSK63

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Bands; Single Op Low Bands; Single Op High Bands; Multi-Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: EPC-RU Members: EPC-RU Member No. and 4-character grid square; non-Members:

QSO No. and 4-character grid square

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band; Each grid square once per band; Each oblast once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 22 October 2012

Upload log at: http://ua9qcq.com/contests/submit_log_eng.php

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

http://www.epc-ru.ru/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=351&Itemid=113

Oceania DX Contest, Phone

08:00 UTC 6 October to 08:00 UTC 7 October

Mode: Phone

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m

Classes: Single Op All Band - Low or High; Single Op Single Band - Low or High; Multi-One;

Multi-Two; Multi-Multi; SWL

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts

Exchange: RS and serial no





Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 20 points per 160m QSO; 10 points per 80m QSO; 5 points per 40m QSO; 1 point per 20m QSO; 2 points per 15m QSO; 3 points per 10m QSO

Multipliers: Each prefix once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 12 November 2012

E-mail logs to: ph@oceaniadxcontest.com

Web-to-Cabrillo form: http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/oceaniadxssb_cab.php

Mail logs to: Oceania DX Contest; PO Box 21088, Little Lonsdale Street, Victoria 8011, Australia

Find rules at: <http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/rules.pdf>

WAB HF Phone

12:00 UTC 6 October to 12:00 UTC 7 October

Mode: Phone

Bands: 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - fixed, mobile or portable; Multi-Op - fixed, mobile or portable; QRP; SWL - fixed, mobile or portable;

Max power: non-QRP: >10 watts; QRP: 10 watts

Exchange: British Isles: RS, serial no and WAB square; Other: RS, serial no and country

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 28 October 2012

E-mail logs to: aebbooks@ntlworld.com

Mail logs to: Tony Beardsley, G3XKT, 14 York Avenue, Sandiacre, Nottingham NG10 5HB, United Kingdom

Find rules at: <http://wab.intermip.net/Contest%20Rules.php#HFRules>

TRC DX Contest

12:00 UTC 6 October to 12:00 UTC 7 October

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - CW, SSB or mixed; Single Op All Band QRP; Single Op Single Band Mixed; Multi-Single Mixed

Exchange: TRC Members: RST and "TRC"; non-TRC Members: RST and ITU Zone no

Work stations: Once per mode per band

QSO Points: 10 points per QSO with TRC member; 1 point per QSO with non-TRC member; 1 point per QSO between TRC members

Multipliers: Each ITU zone once per band; Each country once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 6 November 2012

E-mail logs to: trcdxc@trcdx.org

Upload log at: <http://ua9qcq.com/contests/robot.php>

Mail logs to: Atanas Kolev, PO Box 49, 6100 Kazanlak, Bulgaria

Find rules at: http://www.trcdx.org/html_ham/english/contest.html

GTC CW Cup

12:00 UTC 6 October to 12:00 UTC 7 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m





Classes: Single Op; Single Op QRP

Max power: non-QRP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: GTC Members: RST, "GTC" and 3-digit member number; non-GTC: RST and "NM"

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 100 points per QSO with SZ1SV; 10 points per QSO with GTC members; 1 point per QSO with non-members

Multipliers: Each GTC member once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 30 October 2012

E-mail logs to: sv5dkl@rho.forthnet.gr

Mail logs to: Efsthathios Maliakis, SV5DKL, 2, G. Georgiadi str., GR-85100, Analipsi, Rhodes, Greece

Find rules at: <http://www.raag.org/displayITM1.asp?ITMID=511&LANG=EN>

California QSO Party

16:00 UTC 6 October to 22:00 UTC 7 October

Mode: CW, Phone

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, Low or High - Fixed, County Expedition, Mobile, School, YL, Youth or New-Contester; Multi-Single - QRP, Low or High - Fixed, County Expedition, Mobile, School, YL, Youth or New-Contester; Multi-Multi - QRP, Low or High - Fixed, County Expedition, Mobile, School, YL, Youth or New-Contester

Max operating hours: 24 hours for single ops with 15 minute off times; 30 hours for multi-ops

Max power: HP: >200 watts; LP: 200 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: CA: Serial no and County; non-CA: Serial no and state, VE area or country

Work stations: Once per mode per band per county

QSO Points: 2 points per phone QSO; 3 points per CW QSO

Multipliers: CA Stations: States, VE areas once; non-CA Stations: CA counties once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 October 2012

E-mail logs to: (see rules, web upload preferred)

Upload log at: <http://www.cqp.org/logsubmit-form.html>

Mail logs to: NCCC, c/o Alan Eshleman, K6SRZ, 210 Nila Mae Way, Penngove, CA 94951, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.cqp.org/Rules.html>

EU Autumn Sprint, SSB

16:00 - 19:59 UTC 6 October

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: Single Op - low or high

Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W

Exchange: your call sign, other station's call sign, serial no and name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 21 October 2012

E-mail logs to: eusprint@kkn.net

Mail logs to: Dave Lawley, G4BUO, Carramore, Coldharbour Road, Penshurst, Kent TN11 8EX, England





Find rules at: <http://www.eu-sprint.com/index.php?page=140&lang=q>

International HELL-Contest

16:00 - 18:00 UTC 6 October (80 m) and 09:00 - 11:00 UTC 7 October (40 m)

Mode: Hell

Bands: 80, 40 m

Classes: Single Op; SWL

Exchange: RST and QSO no

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; 1 point per QTC

Multipliers: Each WAE/DXCC country once; Each JA/W/VE call area once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points and total QTC points) x total mults

Submit logs by: 21 October 2012

E-mail logs to: do1npf@darc.de

Mail logs to: Peter Frank, DO1NPF, Postfach 11 19, 90515 Altdorf, Germany

Find rules at:

<http://www.darc.de/referate/ukw-funksport/bild-und-schrift-wettbewerbe/hf-hell-wettbewerb/teilnahmebedingungen/>

UBA ON SSB Contest

06:00 - 10:00 UTC 7 October

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RS and serial no

QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with Belgian station

Multipliers: Each UBA Section

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 28 October 2012

E-mail logs to: ubaon@uba.be

Mail logs to: Welters Leon, ON5WL, Borgstraat 80, B-2580 Beerzel, Belgium

Find rules at: <http://www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/on-contest>

RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest

07:00 - 19:00 UTC 7 October

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 15, 10 m

Classes: Open Single op or Multi-Op - UK or Overseas - CW, SSB or mixed; Restricted Single op or Multi-Op - UK or Overseas - CW, SSB or mixed; QRP Single op or Multi-Op - UK or Overseas - CW, SSB or mixed; SWL - UK or Overseas

Max power: Restricted: 100 watts; QRP: 10 watts

Exchange: UK: RS(T), serial no and UK District Code; non-UK: RS(T) and serial no

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: UK Stations: 3 points per QSO with overseas stations; Overseas Stations: 3 points per QSO with UK stations

Multipliers: UK Stations: Each DXCC country once per band per mode (JA, W, VE, VK, ZL and ZS call areas count as countries); Overseas Stations: Each UK district once per band per mode

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 22 October 2012

Upload log at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: RSGB-G3UFY, 77 Bensham Manor Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR7 7AF, England





Find rules at: <http://www.rsqbcc.org/hf/rules/2012/r2128.shtml>

Next Week's Contests

10-10 International Day Sprint, 00:01 - 23:59 UTC 10 October
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint, 00:30 - 02:30 UTC 10 October
CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC, 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 10 October and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 11 October
NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint, 18:00 - 20:00 UTC 10 October
RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW, 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 10 October
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 12 October
Makrothen RTTY Contest, 00:00 - 07:59 UTC, 16:00 - 23:59 UTC 13 October and 08:00 - 15:59 UTC 14 October
Oceania DX Contest, CW, 08:00 UTC 13 October to 08:00 UTC 14 October
QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party, 12:00 UTC 13 October to 24:00 UTC 14 October
Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB, 12:00 UTC 13 October to 12:00 UTC 14 October
Pennsylvania QSO Party, 16:00 UTC 13 October to 05:00 UTC and 13:00 - 22:00 UTC 14 October
Arizona QSO Party, 16:00 UTC 13 October to 06:00 UTC and 14:00 - 23:59 UTC 14 October
EU Autumn Sprint, CW, 16:00 - 19:59 UTC 13 October
FISTS Fall Sprint, 17:00 - 21:00 UTC 13 October
North American Sprint, RTTY, 00:00 - 04:00 UTC 14 October
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon, 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 14 October
UBA ON Contest, CW, 06:00 - 09:00 UTC 14 October
ARRL School Club Roundup, 13:00 UTC 15 October to 24:00 UTC 19 October

History This Week

A look back at events that made history this week - compiled by the Summerland Amateur Radio Club of Lismore, NSW and Dennis, ZS4BS. The week starting Monday 1 October 2012.

1829 (1 Oct) - South African College is founded in Cape Town; later to separate into the University of Cape Town and the South African College Schools.
1854 (7 Oct) - birth of Christiaan R de Wet, South African rebel leader, politician and general in the Boer War
1860 - Telegraph line between Los Angeles and San Francisco opens
1876 - First 2-way telephone conversation, the first over outdoor wires
1889 - Thomas Edison shows his first motion picture
1894 (5 Oct) - birth of Bevil Rudd, South African athlete
1901 (2 Oct) - birth of [Ignatius] Roy [D] Campbell, South African poet (Flowering Rifle)
1919 (2 Oct) - death of Ernest Halliwell, SA wicketkeeper 1892 - 1904
1923 (5 Oct) - birth of Glynis Johns, actress (Mary Poppins)
1924 (5 Oct) - death of Tom Campbell, cricketer who played 5 tests for South Africa
1927 - The "Jazz Singer," the first movie with a sound track, premieres in New York City
1934 (3 Oct) - birth of Harold Ralph Henning, PGA Golfer (1966 Texas Open)
1946 (6 Oct) - birth of Tony Greig, cricketer (England all-rounder 1972 - 77)
1952 - First video recording on magnetic tape done in Los Angeles, California
1959 - The far side of the Moon seen for the first time, compliments of USSR's Luna 3
1961 (2 Oct) - death of Reggie Spooner, cricketer (England centurion v South Africa 1912)

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- 1962 (8 Oct) - death of Solomon Linda, South African singer and composer
- 1964 (4 Oct) - Three coaches of a commuter train derail, killing 81
- 1993 (8 Oct) - The UN lifts the remaining economic sanctions against South Africa
- 1994 (1 Oct) - President Nelson Mandela visits the USA

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